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In re the application of:

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FOR: CRYSTALLINE MIXTURE SOLID COMPOSITION AND PREPARATION

THEREOF

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The Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

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Preliminary to examination, please amend the herewith filed application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please carcel claims 3 and 9-12 in their entirety and without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

--13. (New) The crystalline mixture solid composition of claim 1 which comprises 0.01 to 1.5 wt% of α -D-glucopyranosyl-1,1-sorbitol.

14. (New) The crystalline mixture solid composition of claim 2 which comprises 0.01 to 1.5 who of α -D-glucopyranosyl-